

Halvorsen, Brado, Mrs.

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Chicago, Illinois,

July 16, 1932.

Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have just read an article in the American Weekly of The Herald & Examiner dated July 10, 1932 entitled "Rarest Chinese Coins", in which you are quoted as saying that the first coins used by the human race were crude lumps of metal bearing a simple stamp, moreoften than not, they were globular in shape. After reading these remarks my curiosity was aroused and I am, therefore, taking this liberty of writing you on this subject.

Approximately 35 years ago I received a number of these rare coins from a friend of mine who had spent considerable time in the interior of China. I am very much interested in knowing whether or not there is any value to these coins. If you are unable to give me their value I would appreciate it if you would advise me of some curator in Chicago that would be in a position to analyze these coins.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I remain

Yours very truly,

*Mrs Brado Halvorsen*

Name and Address:

Mrs. Brado Halvorsen,  
223 Washington Boulevard,  
Oak Park, Illinois.

July 19, 1932.

Mrs. Brado Halvorsen  
223 Washington Boulevard  
Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Halvorsen:

I think the article you saw in the American Weekly must have been written by Howard Haines to whom I gave various information sometime ago and which at times he got decidedly mixed up. The crude lumps of metal bearing simple stamps globular in shape were the product of the Greek world rather than the Chinese. Consequently I am at a loss to know just what coins or early barter pieces you refer to. Why not send them on and probably I can tell you more about them. As it is now I can give you no information.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator